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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Muktar A. Mahajan et al.)	Examiner:
Serial No.	:	10/645,250)	Guy L. Guidry
Cnfrm. No.	:	7913)	Art Unit:
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For	:	NIF-1 IS A NOVEL CO-TRANSDUCER THAT INTERACTS WITH AND REGULATES THE ACTIVITY OF THE NUCLEAR HORMONE RECEPTOR CO- ACTIVATOR, NRC)	

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**DECLARATION OF MUKTAR A. MAHAJAN AND HERBERT H. SAMUELS
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

We, MUKTAR A. MAHAJAN AND HERBERT H. SAMUELS, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131 declare that:

1. We are joint inventors of the above-identified patent application.
2. It is our understanding that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has rejected claims of our above-identified application over U.S. Patent 6,783,969 to Tang et al. (filed March 5, 2001).
3. We are providing this declaration to demonstrate that the claimed subject matter of our above patent application was invented by us, in the United States, before March 5, 2001.
4. Attached hereto as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 are copies of NIF-1 sequences we generated. The data was documented before March 5, 2001. Exhibit 1 shows a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1. Page 1 shows 1-3762 of the sequence (starting from G, the second letter displayed) and page 2 shows from 571-4430 of the sequence. The exact dates the SEQ ID NO: 1 data was documented are redacted on 102199101